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Subject: Salients for your Review - Week of 11/04/2021

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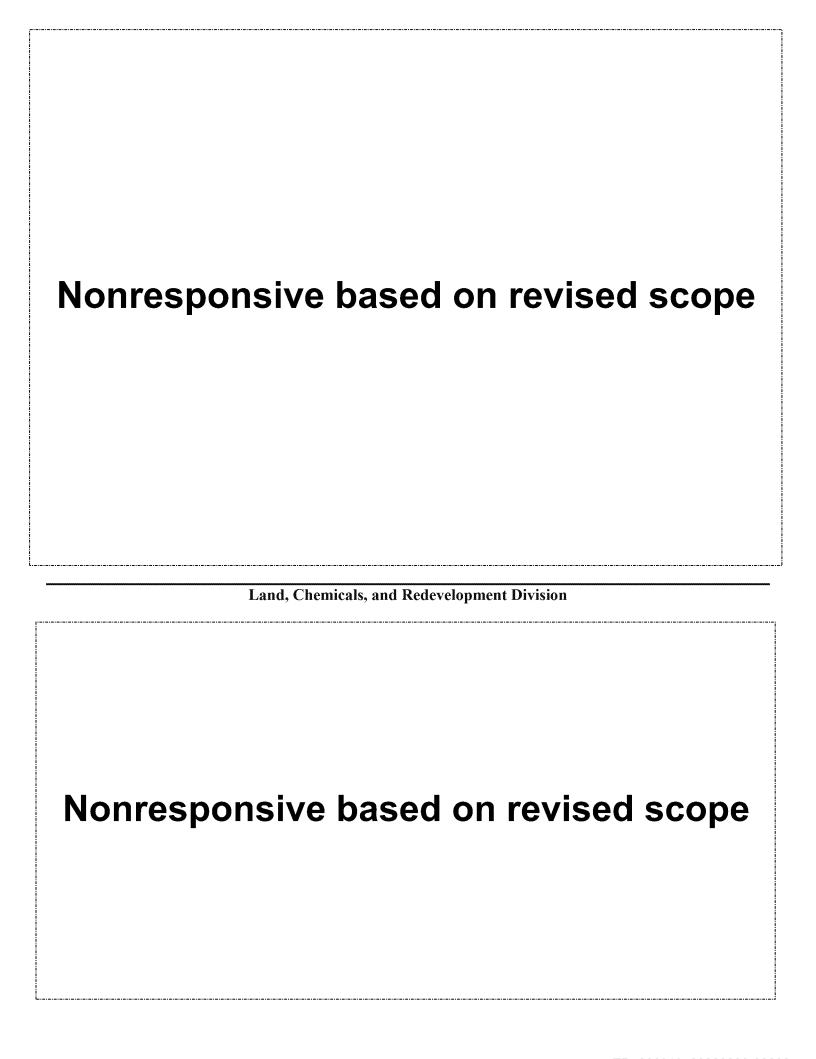
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Region 3 Salients for 11/04/2021

Salient Issues

for Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator

Superfund and Emergency Management Division
Link to SEMD salient database search: https://r3web2.r03.epa.gov/hscd/index.cfm





Laboratory Services & Applied Science Division

Link to LSASD Salient Database: http://r3web2.r03.epa.gov/Salients/eaid/index.cfm

UPCOMING MEETINGS: November 1-5, 2021:	
November 1-5, 2021:	Nonresponsive based on revised scope
November 4, 2021:	

November 9, 2021:		
November 9, 2021:		
November 15-16, 2021:		
November 15-18, 2021:		
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November 16, 2021:		
November 17, 2021:		
November 22, 2021:		
November 30, 2021:		
DECISIONS: None		
Office of Public Affairs		
	COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH	

I. Internal

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II. External

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Media Relations

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Press Events

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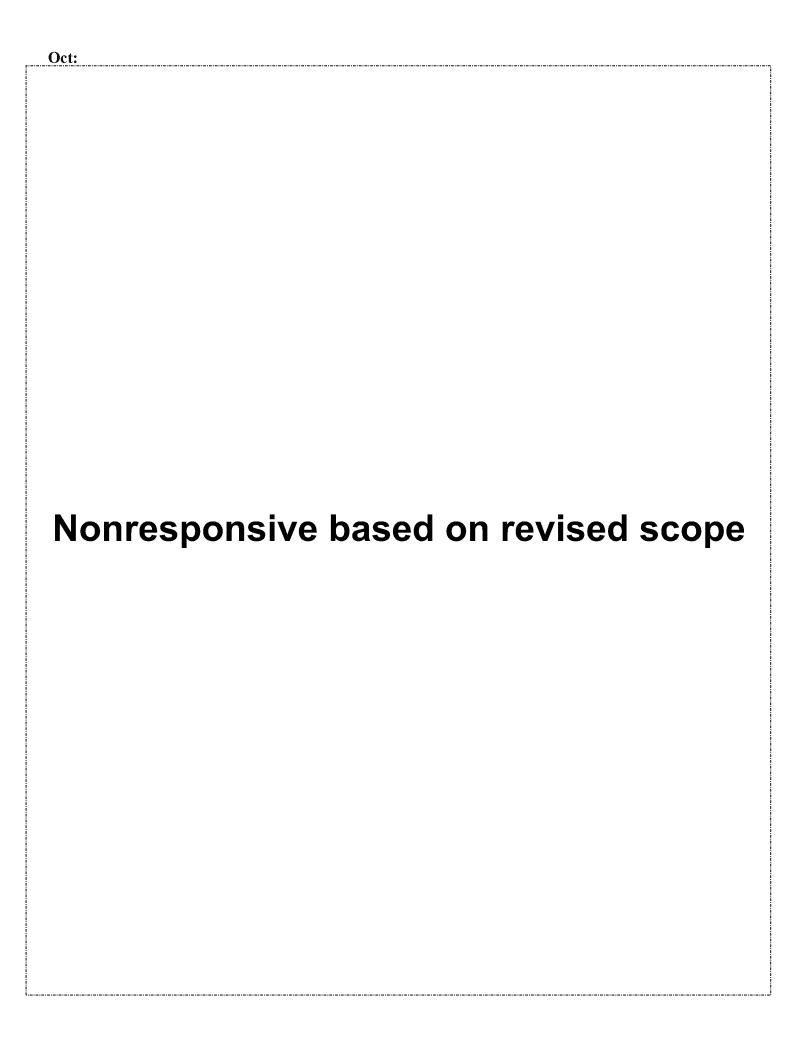
Press Releases/Advisories

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Future media/press interest

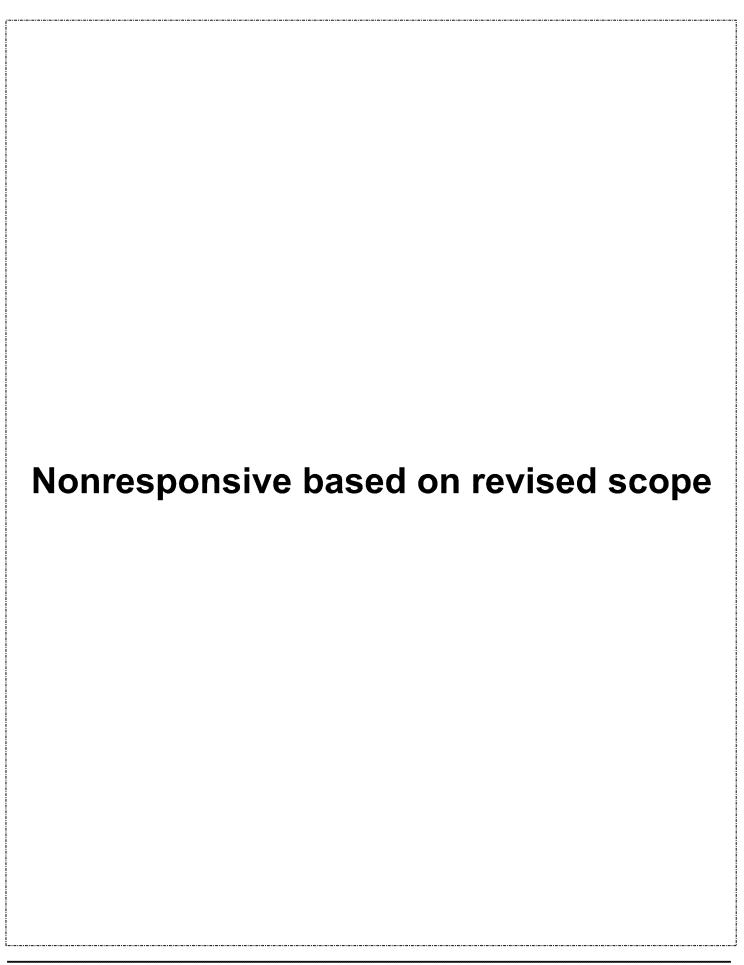
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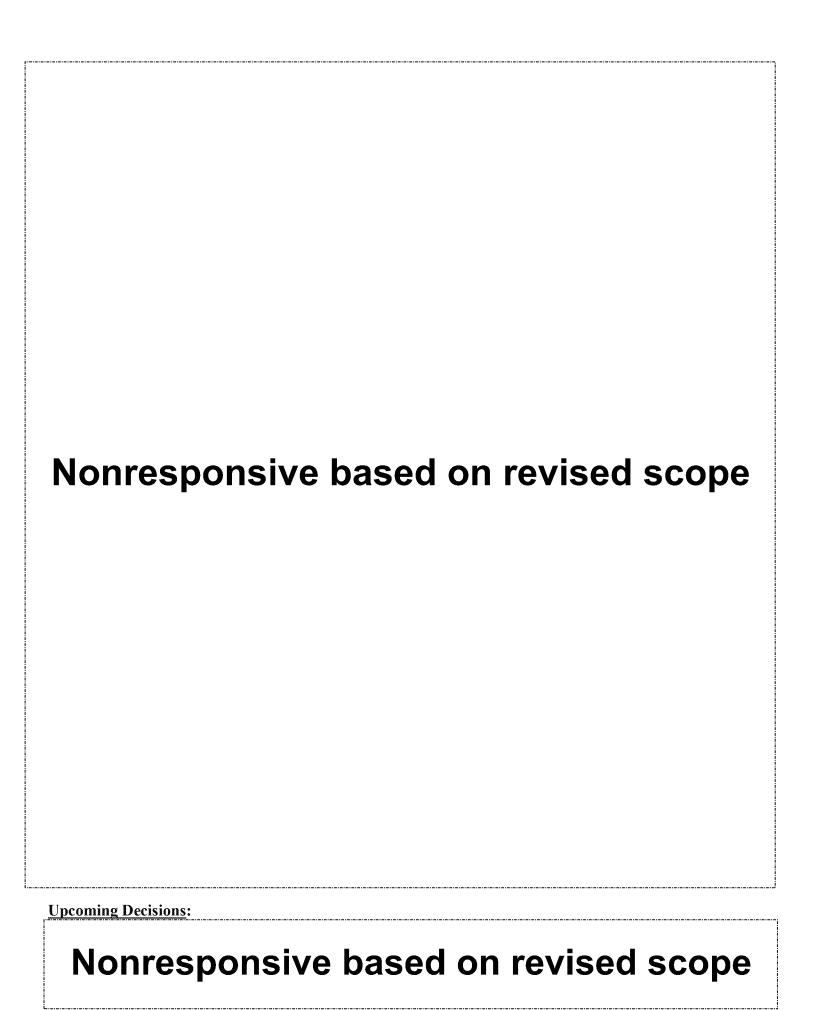
III. Social Media Facebook/Twitter



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Future:
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Link to OCTEA Salient Database Search: https://r3web2.r03.epa.gov/Salients/oecej/index.cfm





Upcoming Calendar Events: Nonresponsive based on revised scope	November 10 & 17, virtual. Region 3 is hosting this annual meeting.
Ches	sapeake Bay Program Office
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CBPO Calendar Items:	
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:		
November 2, 2021		
November 2 & 16, 2021		
November 2 & 16, 2021		
November 4, 2021		
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November 5, 2021		
November 8, 2021		
November 9,		
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November 9 & 10, 2021		
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UPCOMING DECISIONS (for WD Director):

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Regional Counsel Division

Court Dismisses Citizen's "Whistleblower Fees" Lawsuit Relating to Hazardous Waste Case Against Bloom Energy Corporation [Docket number. 1:21-cv-01658-CFL] On October 29, 2021, the Federal Court of Claims dismissed a case brought by private citizen, Lindsay Leveen, ruling that it did not have jurisdiction because the citizen failed to specify the statutory funding provision or contract that would grant him "whistleblower fees" in connection with a RCRA enforcement action. Earlier in 2021, Bloom Energy Corporation paid a settlement penalty of \$1,371,000 to resolve an administrative action brought by Region 3 for alleged RCRA violations. EPA cited Bloom for failing to prepare required manifests for shipments of hazardous waste benzene from customer locations nationwide and failing to adequately respond to EPA's requests for information. In a Federal Court of Claims lawsuit filed on August 3, 2021, Mr. Leveen claimed that he was the "tipster" that provided EPA with information about Bloom and sent numerous requests to EPA seeking whistleblower compensation. Following a hearing on October 28, 2021, the Court issued its opinion finding that there it did not have jurisdiction because Mr. Leveen failed to cite a provision in RCRA or elsewhere authorizing such payments. Mr. Leveen has also filed several FOIA requests seeking information about Bloom and has emailed EPA officials numerous times to complain about Bloom. Primary Contact:

